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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicants hereby petition that the period for replying to the Restriction Requirement that was mailed in connection with the above-captioned case on October 4, 2005, be extended for five (5) months, to and including April 4, 2006.

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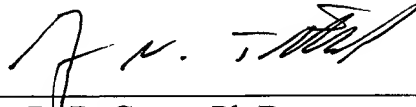
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